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As **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, PETER PARKER** has spent years battling the Venom symbiote. Recently, Peter was caught in the crossfire between two of its hosts—**EDDIE BROCK** and **FLASH THOMPSON**—as they battled to bond with the symbiote. Exposed to an experimental Alchemax serum, Flash became the new **ANTI-VENOM!**

Spider-Man and Anti-Venom then teamed up to locate the missing symbiote of Flash's friend, Andrea Benton. Their search led them to **BLACK CAT** and her crew—now the mind-controlled recruits for **LEE PRICE's** burgeoning symbiote army. Although Cat managed to free herself from Price's control, Spidey and Flash were outgunned and captured.

After her escape, Black Cat crossed paths with Eddie who finally reunited with his symbiote to become **VENOM** once more!

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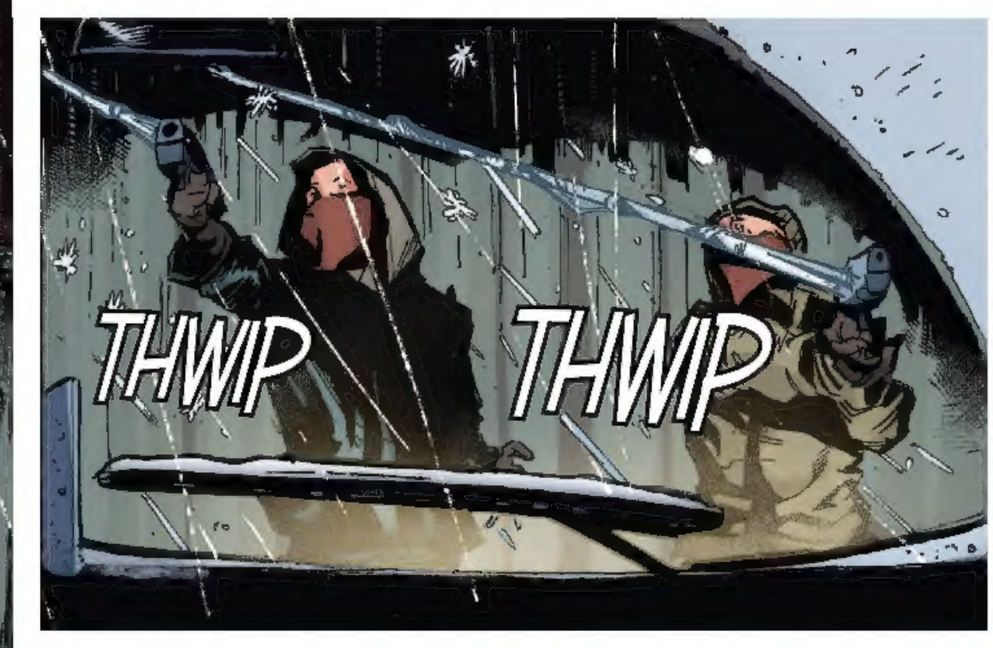
THE MEATPACKING DISTRICT.
OUT OF THE TRUCK! NOW! HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE 'EM! HANDS!
EASY! WE'RE NOT ARMED. WE'RE JUST CATERERS. THERE'S NOTHING VALUABLE IN HERE. TRUST US! WE--
CAVIAR. FOIE GRAS. SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE WINES ON THE EAST COAST.
TRUST US. THE GUYS WE WORK FOR ONLY EAT THE GOOD STUFF. AND THEY HATE PAYING FOR IT.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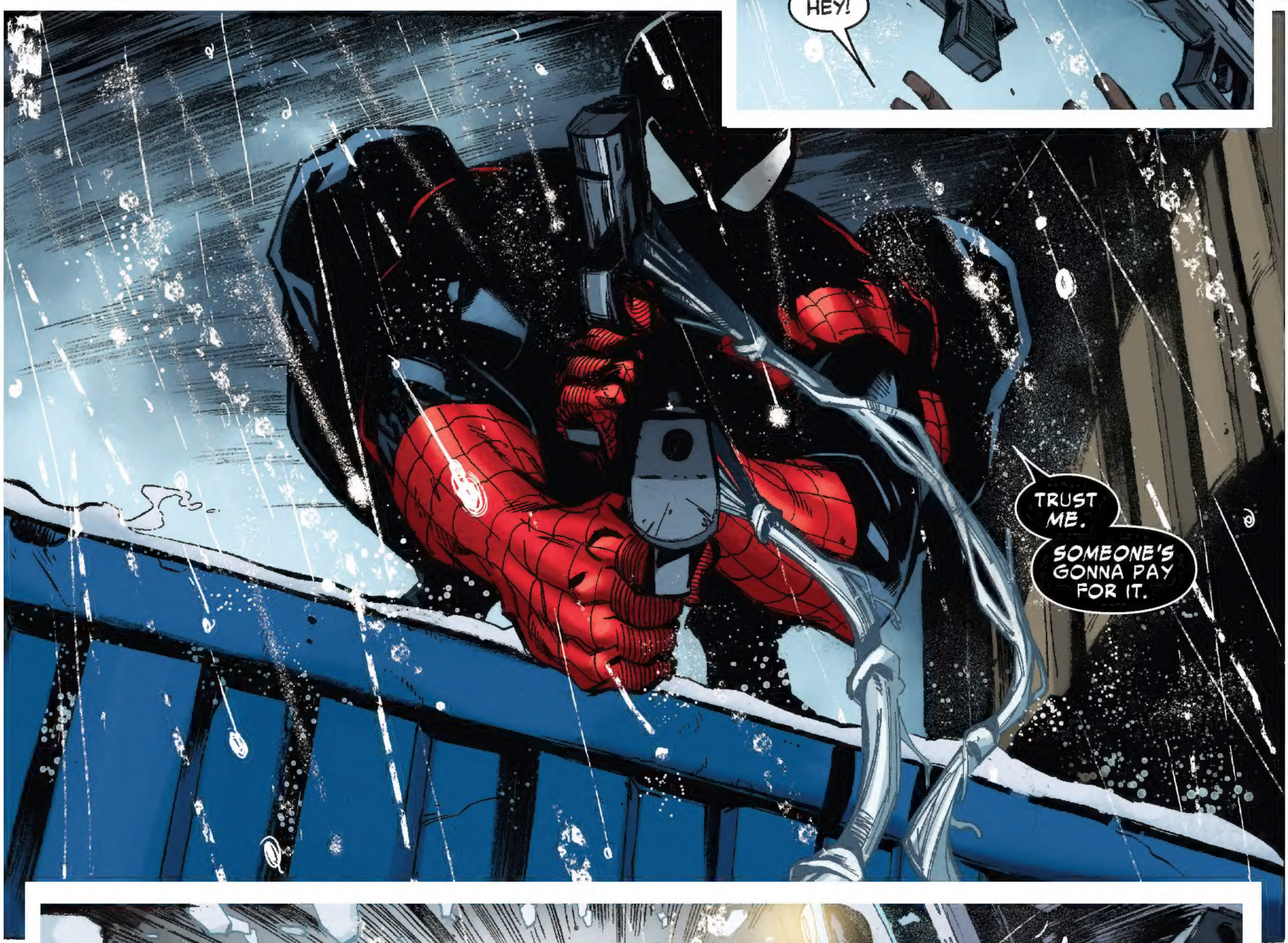
HEY!


TRUST ME.
SOMEONE'S GONNA PAY FOR IT.

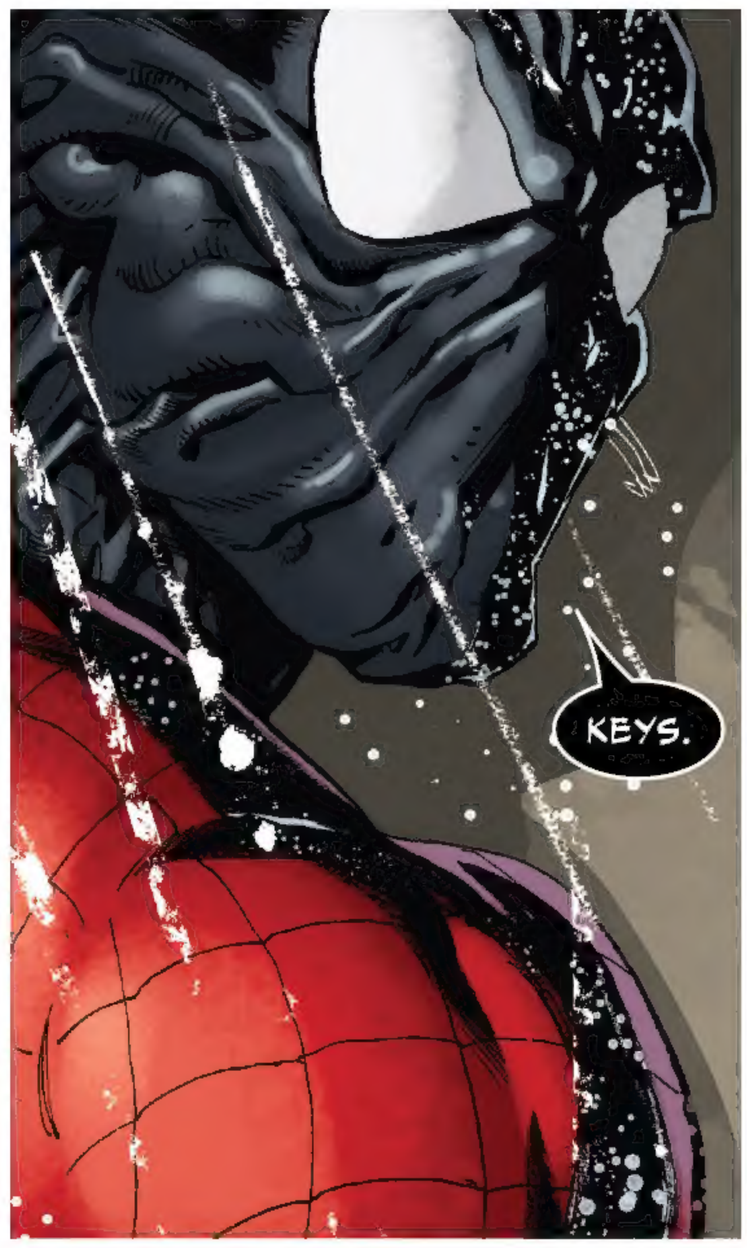
SPIDER-MAN!
WAIT. WHAT'S UP WITH HIS VOICE?

SMISH
YEAH, SPIDEY! YOU SHOW 'EM WHAT'S WHAT!

SKLINCH

GOOD GOD.
WHAT THE--?! WHY--WHY WON'T HE STOP?
SKRUNCH
ZONK

ARE THOSE GUYS OKAY?
THEY ALIVE?
UNHH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE A' THE GOOD GUYS. SPIDEY?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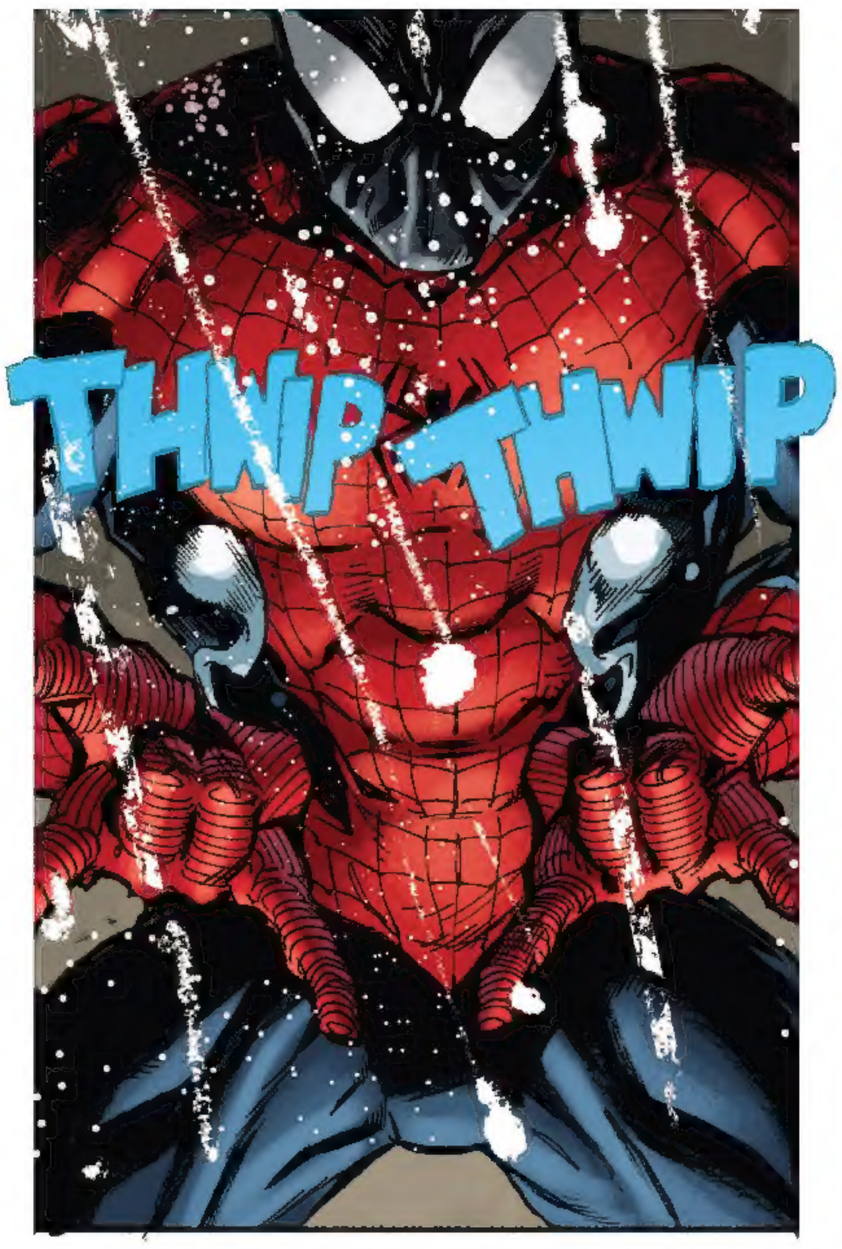
GYAH!
"KEYS"?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NEVER MIND. HERE THEY ARE.
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?! YOU'RE STEALIN' OUR STUFF?! AND LEAVIN' US OUT HERE?! IN THE SNOW?!
WELL?! SAY SOMETHING!

TOOT TOOT!
HONK
HEH, I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT.
HONK HONK
HA! HA! HA!

KARNELLI'S SCRAPYARD. THE BRONX.

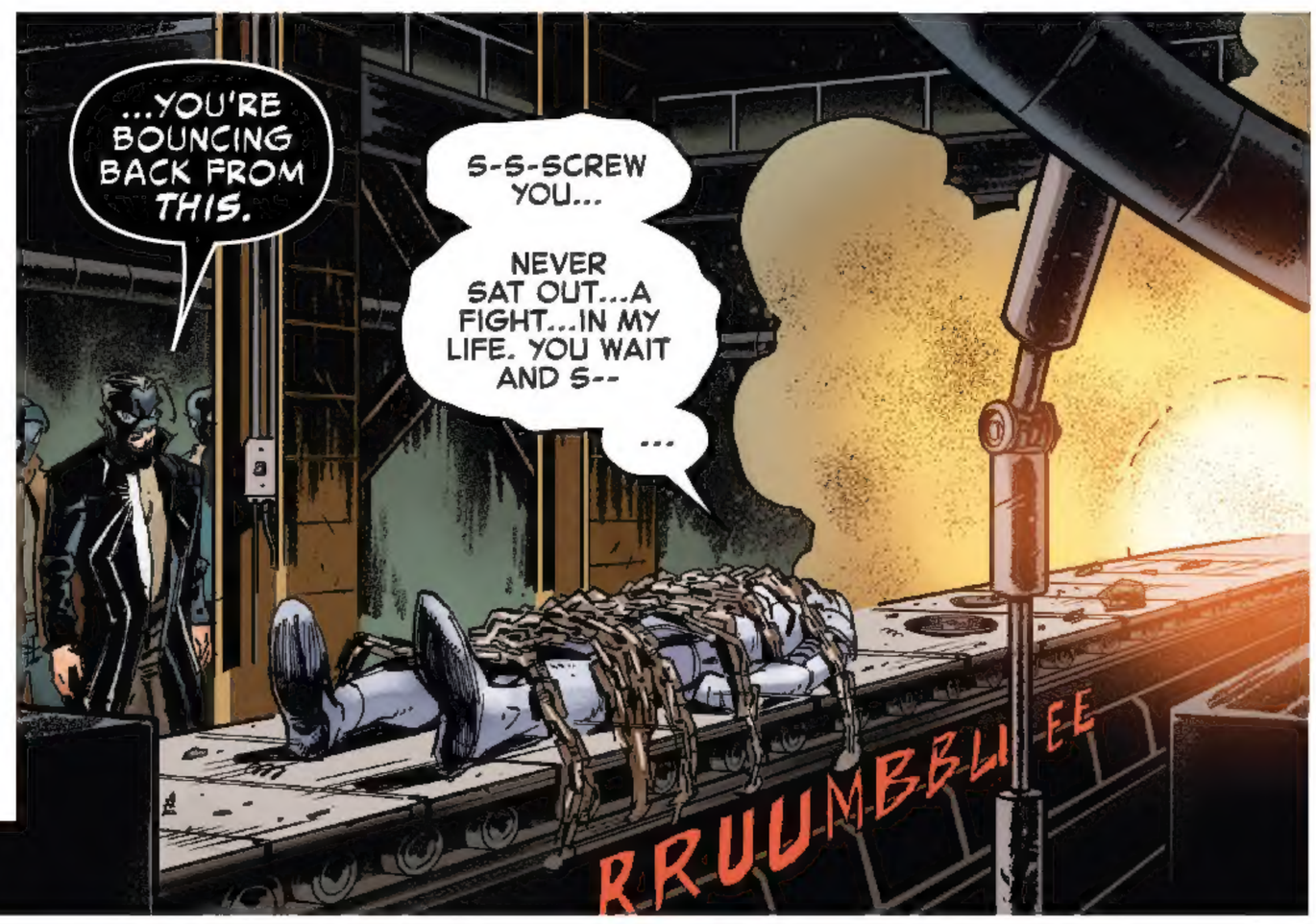
THE WALL-CRAWLER? NOW *HE* WAS EASY. HE CAME OVER TO MY SIDE IN THE TIME IT TOOK ME TO *SPIT*.

LITERALLY.

BUT YOU, MY LITTLE WHITE KNIGHT, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO DIFFICULT?

I'M ANTI-VENOM, PRICE. WHATEVER YOU GOT...I'M THE CURE.

STILL TALKING? IMPRESSIVE. AND AFTER ME AND MY BOYS BEAT YOU HALF TO DEATH. YOU'RE RESILIENT, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

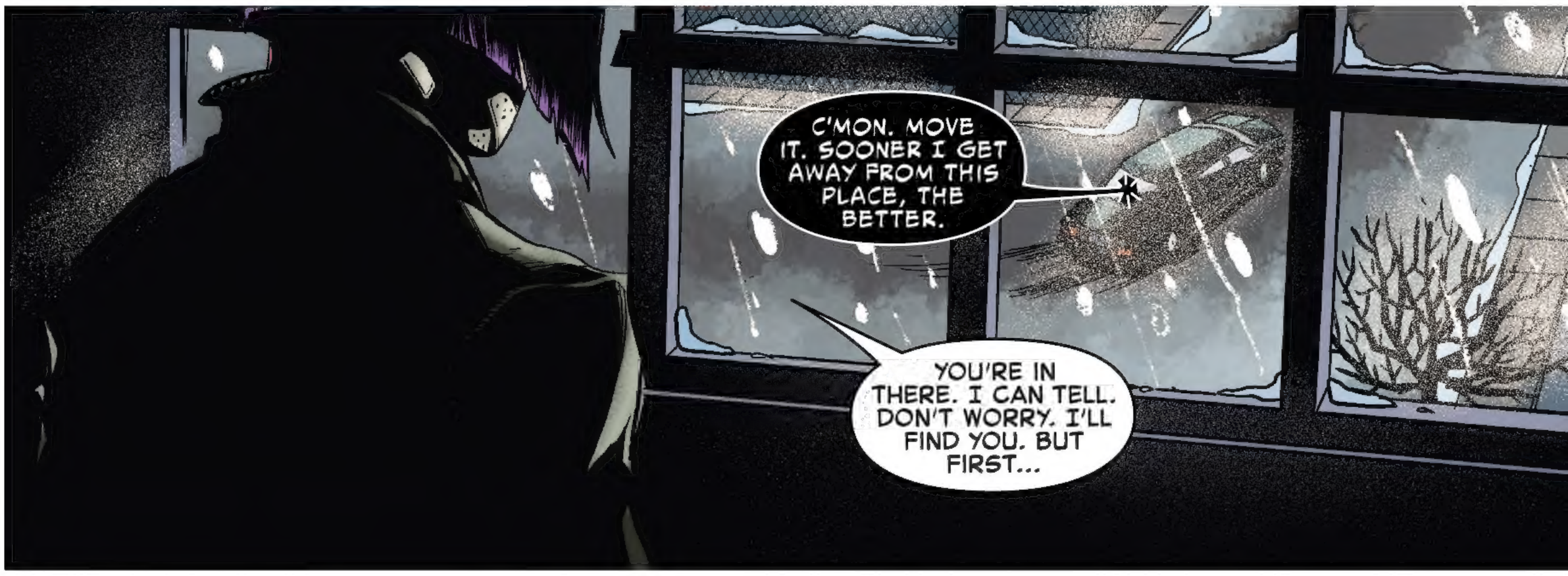


NOTHING, BOSS. WHATEVER YOU WANT.
YOU NEED ME TO, I'LL STICK MY WHOLE DAMN HAND IN THAT FIRE. JUST GIVE THE WORD.
HEH... REALLY?
NAH. IT'S OKAY. BUT DON'T TEMPT ME LIKE THAT.

FOR A SECOND THERE, THOUGHT I WAS LOSING CONTROL.
NICE TO KNOW THIS NEW SYMBIOTE AND I CAN NEVER SPREAD OURSELVES TOO...

...THIN.
BOSS? MANIAC, YOU OKAY?

I THOUGHT I FELT...
NEVER MIND. IT'S NOTHING. MUST BE ALL THAT HEAT BACK THERE GETTING TO ME.


C'MON. MOVE IT. SOONER I GET AWAY FROM THIS PLACE, THE BETTER.
YOU'RE IN THERE. I CAN TELL. DON'T WORRY. I'LL FIND YOU. BUT FIRST...

...THERE'S A SUPER HERO WHO NEEDS SAVING!
WHO THE #$%& IS THIS?!
THE NAME'S MANIA, CREEPS!
AND YOUR BOSS MAY HAVE MY SYMBIOTE...
...BUT I STILL HAVE SOME POWERS OF MY OWN!
AHH!
ANDI?
COACH?! THAT'S YOU?!
NO!
YAHH!
HOW'D I SCREW THIS UP SO BAD?!
HANG IN THERE! I GOT YOU!

GNNN!
MY HELLFIRE POWERS SHOULD KEEP ME SAFE FROM THESE FLAMES, BUT YOU--

OH, NO...
THUD

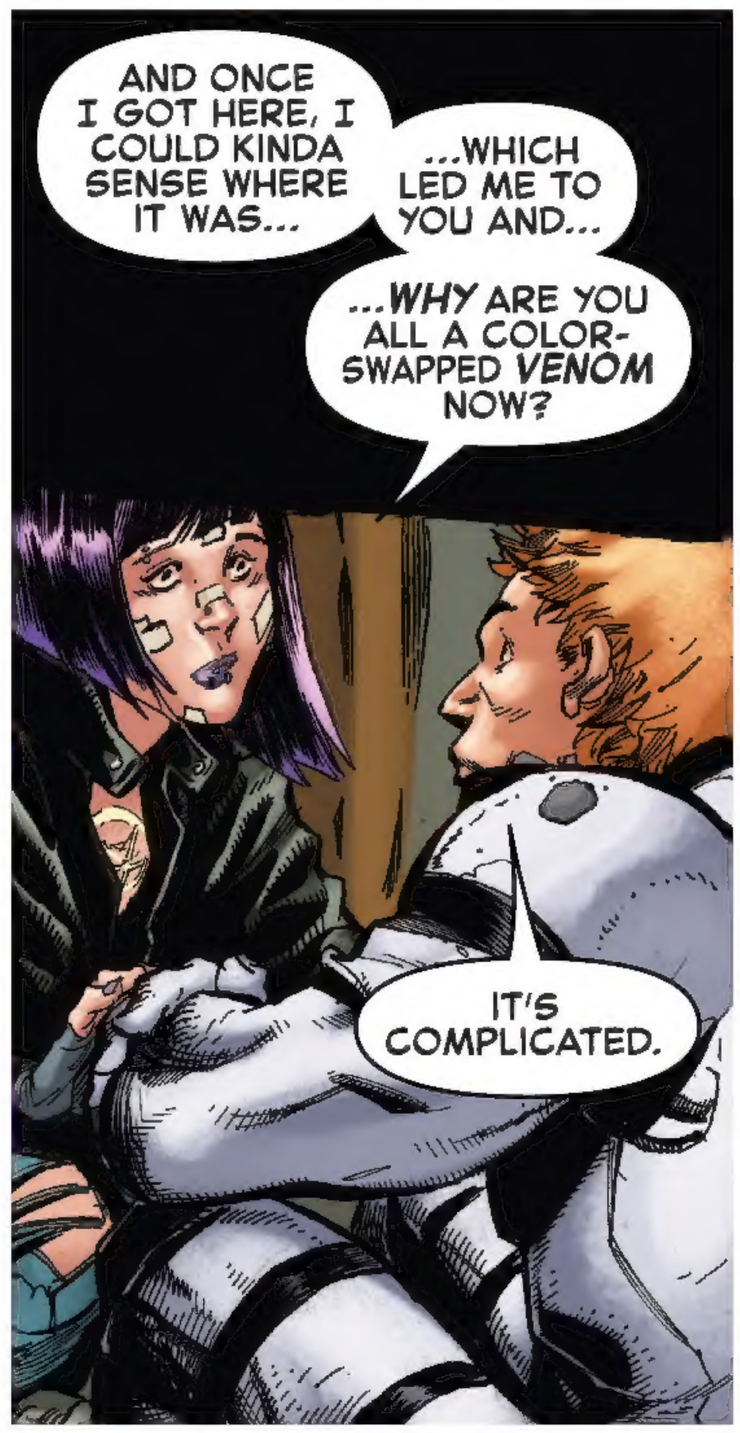
I SHOULD'VE TRIED HARDER.
IF I KNEW IT WAS YOU--
NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. I--
I'M SORRY, FLASH. I'M SO SORRY.

SLAMMED

OH!

HOLY--!

HUHHHHH!



ALL THAT WORK ON MY ASTROBIOLOGICAL SERUM, DOWN THE TUBES.
LIVE AND LEARN, I GUESS.
ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, I NO LONGER NEED IT TO TREAT MR. BROCK'S--
Click
--CONDITION.
DR. STEVE.
UM, HELLO, EDDIE.
THE ARTIFICIAL ANTI-VENOM! WE NEED IT!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH IT?!
MS. ALLAN-- SHE HAD IT ALL REMOVED TO AN EXTRA-SECURE LOCATION. FOR STUDY.
SHE HAD SECURITY FOOTAGE, EDDIE--OF EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE LAB AND--

DON'T WORRY. SHE'S WITH US.

PLEASE. I'M NEVER WITH SOMEONE. I'M MY OWN THING. IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU GET TO TAG ALONG.

NOW ABOUT THIS "EXTRA-SECURE LOCATION"?

I--I--I AM REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME KEEPING TRACK OF ALL OF YOU. AND WHO'S ON WHAT SIDE.

THUNK

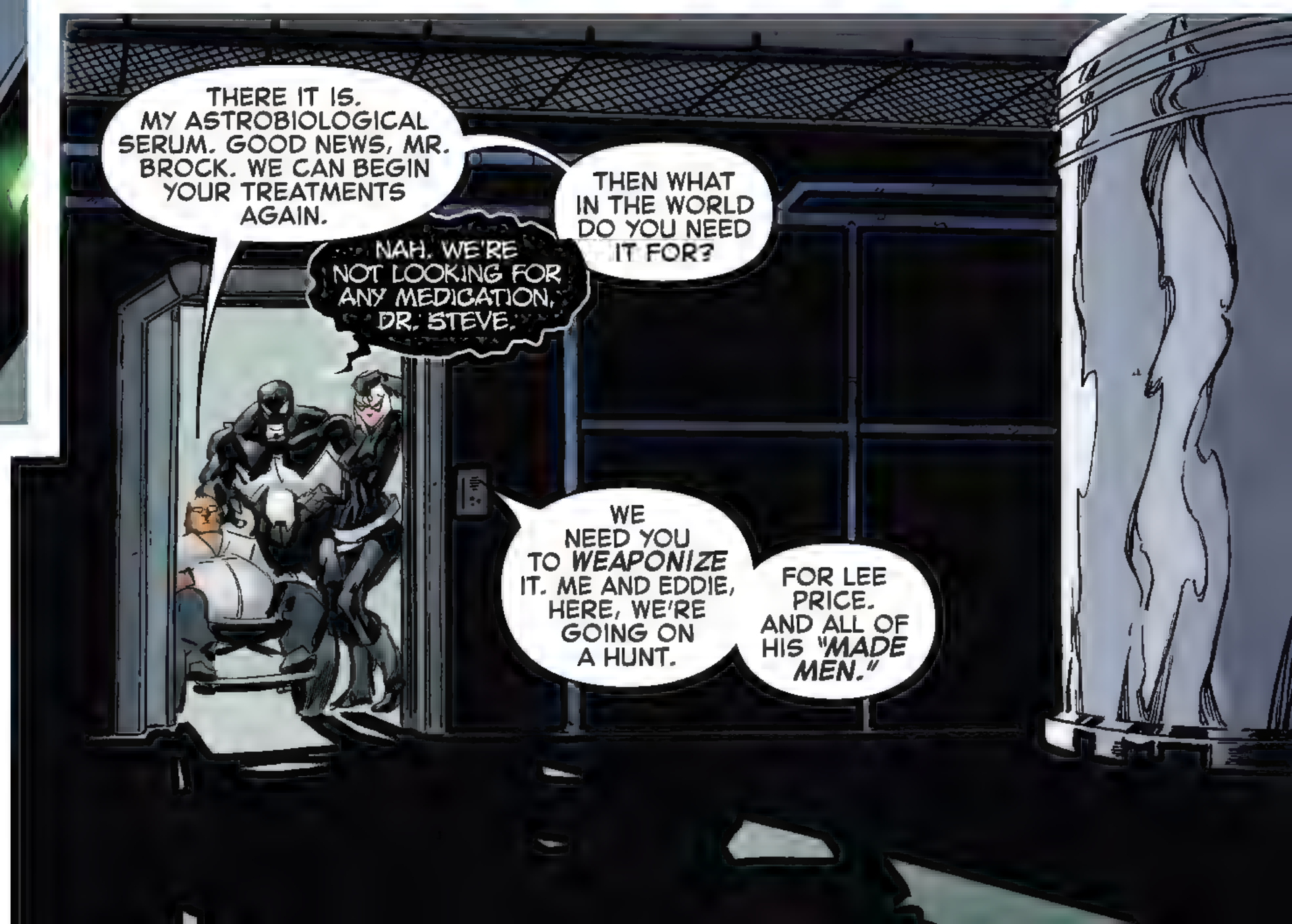
OFF THE BRONX EXPRESSWAY
HERE HE IS NOW, MY UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-SLAVE. HOW'S MY FAVORITE DELIVERY BOY?
YOU KNOW, BOSS, IF I WASN'T COMPLETELY UNDER YOUR CONTROL...
....I MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE OFFENSE AT THAT.
REALLY?
NAH. HOW COULD I GET MAD AT THAT FACE?
GOOD MAN. NOW WHAT'D YOU BRING ME?
ANOTHER TRUCKLOAD OF GOODIES. KITCHEN SUPPLIES. WAITER UNIFORMS. EVEN GOT SOME FRENCH MAID OUTFITS IN THERE.
OH I AM SO TEMPTED TO ASK YOU TO PUT THAT ON.
AND I'D DO IT TOO. JUST GIVE THE WORD.
IF ONLY. BUT WE'RE ON THE CLOCK.
PARTY POOPER.
TELL ME. DO YOU KNOW WHY I PICKED THESE SPECIFIC TRUCKS FOR YOU TO HIJACK?
NO CLUE.
BLACK CAT HAD ALL OF THESE HEISTS PLANNED FOR HER BOYS.
YOU'RE RATTLING HER CAGE.
EXACTLY. I WAS HOPING YOU PULLING HER JOBS MIGHT GET THE CAT'S ATTENTION...
...AND DRAW HER INTO THE OPEN.
HEY, I'VE BEEN FAR FROM SUBLTE.
OH, I KNOW. TAKE A LOOK.
DAILY BUGLE
RASH OF HIGHWAY ROBBERIES
Seven trucks hijacked in one night by mystery bandit.
Click here for more.
"MYSTERY BANDIT"? NOW I AM OFFENDED.
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE 'EM A ONE-ON-ONE EXCLUSIVE?

BAM!

NORMALLY, YOU'D NEVER HEAR THE PITTER-PATTER OF MY LITTLE FEET.
BUT THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT SUBTERRANEAN VAULTS.
IT'S THE AIR, DEAR. THEY HAVE TO VENT IT DOWN.
WHICH MAKES IT OH SO EASY...

...TO PUMP IN SOME KNOCK-OUT GAS AHEAD OF TIME.
SWEET DREAMS... WHAT'S YOUR NAME? AH.

"HUGO."


THERE IT IS. MY ASTROBIOLOGICAL SERUM. GOOD NEWS, MR. BROCK. WE CAN BEGIN YOUR TREATMENTS AGAIN.
NAH. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR ANY MEDICATION, DR. STEVE.
THEN WHAT IN THE WORLD DO YOU NEED IT FOR?
WE NEED YOU TO *WEAPONIZE* IT. ME AND EDDIE, HERE, WE'RE GOING ON A HUNT.
FOR LEE PRICE. AND ALL OF HIS *"MADE MEN."*

I'M TELLING YOU, ROBBIE, IT ALL CHECKS OUT. SPIDER-MAN'S ON A CRIME SPREE.

HE'S BEEN HIJACKING TRUCKS ALL OVER THE FIVE BOROUGHS.

WELL, CHECK IT AGAIN. THE *BUGLE'S* GOT A BAD REP FOR CALLING SPIDEY OUT FOR CRIMES HE NEVER COMMITTED. I WON'T ADD TO IT.

LOOK AT THESE MANIFESTS. CATERING SUPPLIES, SNOOTY FOOD, FINE WINES, UNIFORMS...

...THE WALL-CRAWLER'S EITHER OPENING A RESTAURANT OR THROWING ONE HELL OF A PARTY.

COLIN, I'M NEW HERE, BUT SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE ALL WE DO IS REPORT ABOUT--

THE DAILY BUGLE.

SPIDER-MAN!

BREAKING NEWS! IT'S YOURS TRULY! LITERALLY!

AHH!

ALL RIGHT TOUGH GUY, WHY ARE YOU HERE THEN? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
BEN URICH, CUTTING RIGHT TO THE CHASE. ASKING ALL THE PERTINENT QUESTIONS.
YOU JUST EARNED YOURSELF A SCOOP.

NOW MAKE WITH THE TYPETY-TYPE.
HEY!
EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN DOING TONIGHT HAS ALL BEEN PART OF AN ELABORATE PLOY. A SCHEME. A PLAN.
ALL TO MAKE A MOVE ON THE BLACK CAT'S TERRITORY.
BE SURE TO PUT IN "BLACK CAT" AND "FELICIA HARDY." IN CASE SHE HAS GOOGLE ALERTS.
THUD

IF SHE WANTS TO KNOW MORE, I'LL BE RIGHT HERE. THAT SHOULD BRING HER AROUND.
AND WITH HER ROOFTOP LEAPING AND CABLE SWINGING, SHE'LL MAKE IT TO THIS FLOOR FASTER THAN THE COPS.
I GIVE HER TEN MINUTES TOPS.
I WON'T DO IT.

WE'RE NOT YOUR MESSENGER SERVICE. MORE IMPORTANT...
...IF SPIDER-MAN'S IN THERE, I KNOW HE'D NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT US.
IS THAT SO? YOU WANNA PUT THAT TO THE TEST, BETTY?!
DO YOU?!

GET AWAY FROM HER!
OKAY, THAT DOESN'T SOUND ANYTHING LIKE FELICIA.
Y'KNOW, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS WASN'T THE BEST PLA--

YOIKS! HEY, FLASH! LONG TIME NO SEE. WHAT'S UP?
SPIDEY, I KNOW MANIAC'S MESSING WITH YOUR HEAD, SO I PROMISE TO GO EASY ON YOU.
GOOD TO KNOW.
GRAB
I WON'T!
YANK
KRAK
UNHH!
SO, THOMPSON, YOU GOTTA TELL ME...
...'CAUSE I KNOW YOU, YOU'RE NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL...
HOW'D YOU FIND ME SO QUICKLY?
WELL...

...LET'S JUST SAY I HAD A LITTLE HELP.

CLASSIC FLASH. GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK.

BUT HERE'S THE THING, GENIUS-- YOU GOT THE DROP ON ME BACK THERE...

...BECAUSE, LIKE SYMBIOTES, YOU DON'T SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE. EVERYONE *ELSE*...

I GOT "U" TOO!

MINE'S BIGGER.

OHHH BOY...

ANDI! CLIMB! FAST AS YOU CAN! DO YOU HEAR ME?!

AND THAT'S HOW "U" MAKE A BIG IMPRESSION.
SEE WHAT I DID THERE?
WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT AFTER KILLING YOU WITH THE GIANT "I."
BRAK

HUH...
FLASH? YOU OKAY? FLASH?!
SORRY. IT'S THE MIND-CONTROL. YOU ARE NOT GETTING MY BEST WORK HERE.
NOT THAT YOU DESERVE IT OR ANYTHING.
SURE, FOR YEARS YOU WERE MY BIGGEST FAN, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW, THOMPSON...

...I ALWAYS LAUGHED AT THAT.
'CAUSE I KNEW WHO YOU WERE.
A WORTHLESS, DUMB JOCK.

THE...REAL SPIDEY...
...HE'D NEVER...SAY THAT.
MY TOUCH...CAN CURE YOU IF--

EW. COOTIES.
NO THANKS.
YOU DIE NOW. OKAY?
THUD
UHHH!

DON'T WORRY, COACH! I'M--
OUT OF THE WAY, GIRL. I GOT THIS.
CAT! TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
SORRY, SPIDER. HAD TO STOP OFF AND ACCESSORIZE.
HERE. GOT THIS WITH YOU IN MIND.
SHOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED. I AM SO OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE NOW. NOTHING CAN--
OWW! WHAT'S ALL THIS? AND WHY DIDN'T IT--?
SET OFF YOUR PRECIOUS SPIDER-SENSE?
TWO WORDS: ANTI-VENOM.
WHUD
THAT'S A COMPOUND WORD WITH A--
SHHH. MY MOMENT. LET ME OWN IT.

I COULD'VE DONE THAT.
BUT YOU DIDN'T, SWEETIE.
YOU ARE ENJOYING THIS WAY TOO MUCH.
MOVE ASIDE.
WE DESERVE A CRACK AT 'IM!
IT'S OVER, BROCK. HE'S BACK TO NORMAL.
YEAH? SO? WE OWE HIM SOME LUMPS. AND WE GOT ALL THESE NEW TOYS.
SAVE 'EM FOR PRICE.
WHOA. VENOM. ANTI-VENOM. IT'S SYMBIOTE CENTRAL OVER HERE.
HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT FELICIA'S RIGHT. WE NEED TO JOIN FORCES.
WAIT. YOU'RE BACK IN THE GAME. WE GOT BLACK CAT AND VENOM RIGHT HERE! AND WE'RE NOT THROWING DOWN?
THERE'S NO TIME. I WAS PART OF MANIAC'S GANG--A MADE MAN. I KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING.
OUT WITH IT, BUG! WHAT'S PRICE UP TO?
HE WANTED CAT AND THE REST OF US OCCUPIED SO HE COULD MAKE HIS MOVE ON THE FIVE FAMILIES!
DO YOU GET WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST NOW?
WAIT. I'M NOT FOLLOWING. THE GUY WHO HAS MY MANIA SYMBIOTE IS AFTER--?
THE FIVE FAMILIES!
AND THEY ARE...?
THE END ALL AND BE ALL, KID...

"...THE FIVE LARGEST CRIME FAMILIES IN THE *WORLD*.

"ALL OF THEM BOUND TOGETHER IN AN UNEASY ALLIANCE...

GENTLEMEN.

"...TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S TERRITORIES.

ANOTHER YEAR. AND THROUGH ALL THE TUMULT AND TURMOIL...

...OUR BUSINESS, AS ALWAYS, REMAINS STRONG. AND YOU KNOW WHY?

"EVERY YEAR THEY HAVE A SIT-DOWN--A SECRET GET-TOGETHER TO RENEW THEIR PACT...

'CAUSE EVERY DAMN ONE OF US WAS SMART ENOUGH TO STAY IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS.

NEVER FORGET THAT.

A TOAST. TO THE TRUCE.

"AND I KNOW WHERE IT IS. BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS GOING TO BE OFFERED A SEAT AT THAT TABLE.

THE TRUCE!

THE TRUCE!

THE TRUCE!

"THAT'S WHAT PRICE HAS BEEN AFTER.

"HE NEVER WANTED MY GANG.

"HE WANTED A WAY IN.
KRAK

"HE WANTED IT *ALL*."
KAFF KAFF KAFF KAFF KAFF KAFF KAFF
GUYS, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.
I WENT AND SPIT IN ALL YOUR FOOD.

YOUR FOOD TASTERS WOULD'VE WARNED YOU...
...BUT THEY WORK FOR *ME* NOW.
LIKE *YOU*.
NO. SCRATCH THAT.

THIS IS *MORE* THAN WORK. RIGHT, BOYS?
FROM NOW ON WE'RE FAMILY.
TO BE CONTINUED IN *VENOM #160!*

Web-heads! How's it hanging?!

We hope you all have enjoyed reading VENOM INC. as much as we have enjoyed working on it! Not only is this story the very first crossover between our SPIDER-MAN and VENOM titles—it's also an amazing opportunity to pick up some truly unique and awesome variant covers!

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Till next time!

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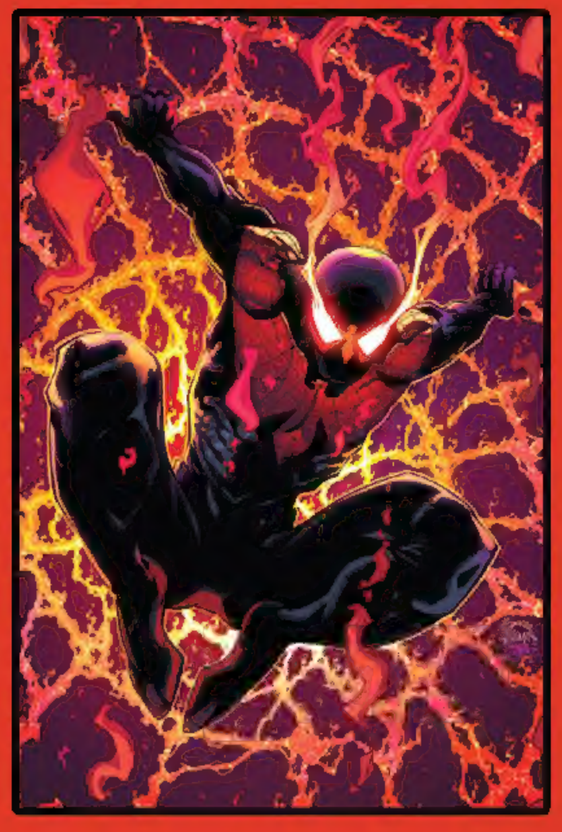

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